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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Rafael – Threats Unfounded at Two Bay Area Jewish Facilities

(U) Police are investigating suspicious phone calls made to several Jewish facilities in California yesterday morning that resulted in evacuations and lockdown orders at schools. The Osher Marin Jewish Community Center in San Rafael and the Ronald C. Wornick Jewish Day School in Foster City were among several Jewish facilities throughout the country that received threatening phone calls yesterday morning. Twenty-seven Jewish community centers in 17 US states reported receiving false telephone bomb threats yesterday, prompting evacuations and an FBI probe into the second wave of hoax attacks to target American Jewish facilities this month. No one claimed responsibility for the calls yesterday or nine days ago, and the FBI has not named any suspects nor described a likely motive. SOURCE: 18 January 2017, Reuters, SF Gate

(U) NATIONAL

(U) North Dakota – Deputy, Suspect Both Dead After Shootout

(U) Belcourt – A Rolette County Sheriff reported one deputy was shot and killed during a shootout after a police chase. Officers pursued a driver in a stolen pickup, and the male suspect then lead four officers on a chase through Rolette County. A shootout then began when officers caught up to the pickup at a back roads intersection near Belcourt. The suspect was also killed, but it's unclear if he was shot by law enforcement or if he took his own life. The names of the fallen officer and suspect have not been released and no other officers were injured during the shootout.

SOURCE: 19 January 2017, WDAY

(U) Virginia - CIA Unveils New Rules for Collecting Information on Americans

(U) Langley – The Central Intelligence Agency yesterday unveiled revised rules for collecting, analyzing and storing information on American citizens, updating the rules for the information age and publishing them in full for the first time. The CIA is largely barred from collecting information inside the United States or on US citizens. But a 1980s presidential order provided for discrete exceptions governed by procedures approved by the CIA director and the attorney general. Known as the "Attorney General Guidelines," the original rules over time became a "patchwork of policies and procedures" that failed to keep pace with the development of technology that can store massive amounts of digital data. The new procedures, under development for years, were signed on Tuesday by CIA Director John Brennan and Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

SOURCE: 18 January 2017, Reuters

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Libya – US Bombers Hit ISIL Militant Camps in Libya

(U) Sirte – US B-2 bombers carried out air strikes against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) camps outside of Sirte, Libya, yesterday, killing dozens of militants. The strikes were carried out against two camps and done in cooperation with Libya's UN-backed Government of National Accord. One of the

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officials said initial reports showed dozens of militants were killed in the strikes with more than 100 precision guided munitions dropped.

SOURCE: 19 January 2017, Reuters

(U) Mali – Al-Qa'ida Affiliate Claims Mali Car Bomb Attack

(U) Gao – Al-Qa'ida's North African affiliate says a group linked to it carried out the suicide attack that killed at least 50 people in northern Mali. A vehicle packed with explosives detonated at a camp housing soldiers and members of rival armed groups in the region's main city, Gao. Al-Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) said the suicide bombing was meant to punish rebel groups co-operating with France, according to a statement obtained by the SITE Intelligence Group. AQIM said a group called al-Mourabitoun was responsible and named the bomber it said carried out the attack. Malian media had earlier suggested several bombers took part.

SOURCE: 18 January 2017, BBC

(U) Mexico – Teen Shoots Four, Kills Self at Private School

(U) Monterrey – A teenage student suffering from depression shot three students and a teacher at a private school in northern Mexico yesterday before killing himself in what state officials called an unprecedented attack that was caught on security video. The 15-year-old student pulled out a handgun inside a classroom at the bilingual Colegio Americano del Noreste and began shooting, critically wounding three of his victims before turning the pistol on himself. Hours after the shootings, Nuevo Leon state governor Jaime Rodriguez named the gunman as Federico Guevara and said he had died. His motive was being investigated.

SOURCE: 19 January 2017, Reuters

(U) North Korea – North Korea May Test-Launch ICBM Soon

(U) Pyongyang – North Korea may be preparing to test-launch a new, upgraded prototype of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), South Korean media reported today, citing military sources. In his New Year's speech, leader Kim Jong Un said North Korea was close to test launching an ICBM, and state media has said a launch could come at any time. Experts on the isolated and nuclear capable country's missile program believe the claims to be credible. That test launch could be imminent, and potentially coincide with the inauguration of US President-elect Donald Trump on 20 January. SOURCE: 18 January 2017, Reuters

(U) Syria – US-Led Air Strike Kills Top Leader of Al-Qa'ida Splinter Group

(U) Idlib – A US-led coalition air strike in northwestern Syria killed a top leader of al-Qa'ida splinter group Jabhat Fateh al-Sham yesterday. Four other militants of the group were also killed in the strike. Abu Ibrahim al-Tunsi, the Tunisian jihadist, was reportedly a leading member of Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, formerly the al-Nusra Front. The air raid hit al-Tunsi's convoy in the Aqrabat district in Idlib," an activist told ARA News. However, coalition forces and the militant group are yet to confirm the leader's death. SOURCE: 19 January 2017, International Business Times

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